

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-30 are allowed by the Notice of Allowance dated May 25, 2004. The issue fee is due August 25, 2004 and is paid concurrently herewith.

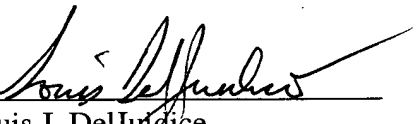
Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended to correct typographical errors and do not add new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein do not add new matter, do not require a new search, and require no substantial work by the Examiner or the Patent and Trademark Office. The amendments were made to correct typographical errors. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the present amendments to the claims be entered and the application issued as a U.S. patent.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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